

✓ Sitting No. 4/69.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Auberge d'Argon, Valletta, on Tuesday, 7th January, 1969, at 11 am.

Present: The Hon. Minister of Public Building and Works, and Acting Prime Minister
The Hon. Minister of Justice & Parliamentary Affairs.
The Hon. Minister of Trade, Industry and Agriculture.
The Hon. Minister of Education, Culture & Tourism.
The Hon. Minister of Labour, Employment & Welfare.

Absent: The Hon. Prime Minister who was away from the Island on official business.
The Hon. Minister of Health and
The Hon. Minister of Finance, Customs and Ports, who were indisposed.

The Minutes of Meetings Nos. 96/68, 1/69, and 3/69 were read and confirmed.

PH 746/64.

Pension Scheme for Employees of the Malta Electricity Board. (Memo. No. 948)

Letter from the Chairman, Malta Electricity Board, dated 27th December, 1968, (Ref 66 in file) was read out.

Ministers agreed to the

introduction of a Pension Scheme for employees of the Malta Electricity Board provided that under its employees recruited by the Board did not receive benefits ^{better} ~~greater~~ than those to which Government employees would become entitled on retirement. They agreed also that this question be dealt with in future by the Hon. Prime Minister without reference to the Cabinet as a whole.

Sec. 2475/60

Extension of the Probationary Period of an Apprenticeship (Inno. No. 1209).

Ministers considered Inno. No. 1209 and agreed to the proposal to amend the Industrial Training Act to enable the Director of Labour and Emigration to extend up to twelve months the period of apprenticeship when the extension was asked for by the employer. In this connection the Hon. Minister of Labour, Employment and Welfare was to seek the advice of the Law Officers on the possibility for the Director of Labour & Emigration to exercise control under the Act.

Contaminated Milk.

(Dr. A. Cassarini, Chief Government Medical Officer, Dr. L. Spiteri, Principal Laboratory Officer, S. A. Debonis, Occupational Health Officer, and Mr. C. Kontibellis, Manager, Milk Marketing Undertaking, were in attendance).

The attention of Ministers

was drawn to the fact that goats and cows milk, after pasteurization at the Milk Marketing Undertaking, was found to be contaminated. It was stated that a Board was in being to enquire into the possible causes of the contamination and that its report would be available within a few days. Dr. L. Spiteri advised that during the current cold months of winter the present contamination did not justify the suppression of the supply of milk to the public. All necessary measures were, however, to continue to be taken to detect the source or sources of contamination and to raise the general standard of hygiene at the Milk Marketing Undertaking.

L. Galea
 P/Prime Minister
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Eng. C. Debon
 Secretary to Cabinet
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